State of Michigan Department of Human Services

FACT SHEET

(September 2006)

Earned Income

- The percent of targeted* FIP cases reporting earned income in September was 32 percent.
- Cases without earned income decreased from 179,731 in October 1992 to 65,520 in September 2006.
- Between October 1992 and September 2006, 427,148 cases were closed as a result of earnings.

FIP Caseload

- The FIP caseload total in September was 86,788 cases, on a par with the caseload in September 1970, when it was 83,406.
- The FIP caseload has declined 62 percent since March 1994, the most recent caseload peak. The March 1994 total was 226,863.
- The September FIP recipient total was 235,325. The recipient total is comparable to mid-1968. (DHS did not record recipient totals for periods prior to October 1969 when the total was 223,399.)
- Approximately 55 percent of the FIP caseload are either deferred from work requirements (21,832) or are cases with ineligible grantees (23,631) and there is no expectation for/of work.
- As of August, 11,368 (13%) cases have exceeded the 60 month federal TANF time limit. (TANF regulations allow states to exempt 20 percent of the caseload from the limit, due to hardship.)

Child Day Care

• The total day care caseload in September was 60,568 representing care for 116,069 children. The day care caseload has increased by 25 percent since October 1997, when 48,336 families (83,952 children) received day care.

Food Assistance Program

• The September Food Assistance Program caseload is 537,654 households representing 1,176,547 individuals. Since December 2000, when the caseload was 254,923, this caseload has steadily increased by 282,731 households.

Child Support Program (this information is updated quarterly)

- Child support cases total 1,011,810 at the end of June 2006, which included 1,002,078 children. Since October 2002, the caseload has increased by 34,250 cases.
- From October 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, \$965,947,891 was distributed directly to families, \$22,423,061 was distributed to cover medical costs for children, and \$77,498,257 was collected to reimburse federal and state governments for public assistance provided to families. This is an increase over the same period in 2005.
- Past due support that was distributed from October 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 totaled \$310,394,996, which is an increase over the same period in 2005.
- In fiscal year 2005, child support distributions in Michigan totaled \$1,381,531,685, a decrease of 2% from fiscal year 2004.

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^{*} Note: Targeted cases are those cases required to work. Cases open less than 60 days and those deferred or exempt from Work First are not included.